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Letter dated 14 January 2008 from the President of the Security Council to the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations

On 19 July 2007, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), examined the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2007/391). Following its meeting of 18 September 2007, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on parties to the armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/AC.51/2007/17).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, I am entrusted, in my capacity as the President of the Council, to acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations dated 9 February 2007 (S/2007/79) in response to the letter from the President of the Council dated 25 January 2007.

I also welcome the cooperation of the Government of Rwanda with the Working Group in fighting crimes and abuses committed against children affected by armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as its efforts to work with United Nations agencies in addressing the issue of the protection of these children.

Finally, I invite the Government of Rwanda to help further in addressing the issue of the protection of children in a manner consistent with Security Council resolution 1612 (2005).

(*Signed*) Giadalla A. **Ettalhi**
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